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☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ Statement filed herewith

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated 09/27/2002 holding that applicant has claimed six (6) patentably distinct inventions (i.e., no one of which is made "obvious" under 35 U.S.C. §103 in view of any other one or combination of such inventions), applicant hereby elects invention A comprising original claims 1-21, 49-54 and 56, now represented by new claims 66-89.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel original claims 1-65 without prejudice or disclaimer in favor of new claims 66-89 shown below:

--66. (New) A local communication system comprising:

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